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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Peter A. Gerardi, Technical Consultant,
House Committee on Science and Astronautics

1. On 13 July 1965 I met with Mr. Peter A. Gerardi, Technical Consultant, House Committee on Science and Astronautics, who had been identified to the Director by the Subcommittee Chairman, Congressman Olin E. Teague (D., Texas), as the staff member who would be conducting a staff study on the space efforts of foreign countries. Chairman Teague requested that an Agency official be identified to consult and collaborate with Mr. Gerardi on this study.

2. To assure that the Agency's response to Chairman Teague was timely and to feel out Mr. Gerardi on what exactly he had in mind in the all-encompassing and sensitive area he had charted out for himself, I delivered the attached Agency response and used it as an opportunity to discuss the matter with him.

3. Mr. Gerardi is a new member of the Committee staff and served for some seven years in the Executive branch with his last assignment being listed as Director of the Weapons Systems Negotiations, Office of the Secretary of Defense. He has a TOP SECRET clearance. Mr. Gerardi explained that the Committee had gone through the process of identifying areas which would probably be fruitful for Committee consideration. In connection with this, Mr. Gerardi wrote out a project study which has been approved as a priority effort, the logical framework of which is as follows:

(a) Members of the Committee know pitifully little about foreign space efforts and need to know this area if they are to be well informed on the subject. To date, too much reliance is being put on the publication Missiles and Rockets.

(b) What other countries are doing necessarily has an impact on what we are and should be doing.

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(c) There are certain areas where cooperation with foreign countries (regional space programs) can be accomplished and a question is raised whether we are doing enough in these areas.

The instant requirement is to gather information to fill out the bones of a staff study which, if justified, may lead to hearings in the Second Session of the 89th Congress. STAT

5. I made no commitment as to what we could provide; but Mr. Gerardi understood that I was merely acting as a contact man from the Office of Legislative Counsel, who would report the substance of our meeting back to the officials concerned.

6. It should be noted that Mr. Gerardi said he was led to the Agency at the suggestion of Mr. Robert Packard, Department of State, who said that OSI and OCI in the Agency had the type of information in which he was interested.

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